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SUBJECT: SAFETY OF UNTSO OFFICERS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

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1. BASED ON INFORMATION WE RECEIVE REGULARLY FROM UN SOURCES IN JERUSALEM REGARDING ON-THE-GROUND SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WE QUESTION WHETHER FIRST OPTION MENTIONED REFTEL REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF HELICOPTER FOR MEDEVAC WOULD BE FEASIBLE AND SECURE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT USE OF HELICOPTERS BY UN MIGHT BE CONSIDERED PROVOCATIVE BY PARTIES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND BECOME TARGET LEADING TO FUTHER UN CASUALTIES.

2. SECON OPTION WOULD SEEM FROM HERE TO BE MORE FEASIBLE. IN FACT WE UNDERSTAND THAT UN IS ALREADY ACTING TO BEEF UP ITS AMBULANCE CAPABILITY IN NAQURAH AND PLANS TO IMPORVE ITS PARAMED FACILITIES.

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- 3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNTSO HAS WITHIN PAST MONTH ASKED UNNY TO SPEAK TO PLO REP ABOUT DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR UNMOS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. HOWEVER, UNNY HAS INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT WISH TO RAISE THIS WITH PLO.
- 4. FROM OUR INFORMATION, NO OTHER NATIONS WITH UNMOS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON (FRANCE, CANADAD, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, ETC.)

HAVE SHOWN SAME CONCERN AS US IN THIS MATTER. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER DEPARTMENT OR OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE HEARD ANY EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM OTHER BUTING COUNTRIES.

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